

# *The Case of the Two British Regiments of Foot, Commanded by Brigadier James Douglass, and Sir James Wood, in the Service of the States-General of the United Provinces.*

**T**HAT the said Regiments were Levied in *Scotland*, in the Years 1687, and 1688, and sent to *Flanders* on the *English* Establishment, whereon they continued till after the Peace of *Ryswick*, that they were order'd by His late Majesty *K. William* (of Glorious Memory) into the Service of the *States-General*, to supply the Place of some *English* Regiments that were brought over into *England*.

That when the Dutch Blew Guards were sent out of *England*, the said Regiments were dismiss'd by the States, and brought home to *Scotland*, where they were put upon the Establishment.

That upon the Appearance of a War, after the Decease of the late King of *Spain*, the States demanding Assistance from the late King *William*, His Majesty was pleas'd of new, to order the said two Regiments into the State's Service, together with that Battalion, lately commanded by Lieutenant General *Hamilton*, which Battalion having been broke by the States in 1714, was graciously provided for by the King and Parliament.

That the said two Regiments behaved themselves always with that Zeal and Bravery that became British Subjects, sharing every Danger that attended the late Glorious War, with Sufferings so uncommon, that these two Battalions lost 160 Officers, and above Four Thousand private Men, during the Course of it.

That after their Long and Faithful Services, the said two Regiments were disbanded by the States in *April* last, in Circumstances so Necessitous, that several of their Officers are forc'd to remain in *Holland*, for want of Money to pay for Transporting them into their Native Countrey.

That the Officers of these two Regiments, who have had equal Sufferings in the Common Cause, though not equal Pay, or Expectation of Preferment with their Fellow-Subjects who were on the British Establishment, humbly Hope their going into the Dutch Service by their Sovereign's Command (an Act purely of Obedience, and not of Choice) will be reputed no Obstruction to their Pretensions in their Native Countrey, from whence, as National Troops, they ever have been Recruited by Order of the Crown.

*Therefore, they humbly Desire, that the Premises may be taken into Consideration, that after their long and faithful Services and great Sufferings, they may not be the only Unfortunate Officers (Native Subjects of Great-Britain) left unprovided for.*

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